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In response to the Office Action of 1 November 2006, please consider the following remarks and reconsider the application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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